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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER
SILVEIRA

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL BRAZILIAN EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY, DATED MARCH 16, AND DELIVERED
BY EMBASSY MARCH 17.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, I
RECEIVED YESTERDAY YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 14.

3. WITH CONCERN EQUAL TO THAT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY, I
WATCH THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN MOVING IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. AS A
MATTER OF FACT, I EVEN FIND THIS TREND TO BE SURPRISING.
A COLD OBSERVATION OF THE FACTS WILL SHOW THAT, IN NO
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INSTANCE, DURING THAT PERIOD OR BEFORE IT, HAS BRAZIL
TAKEN ANY INITIATIVE THAT MIGHT IMPLY DIRECT OR INDIRECT
CRITICISM OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, NOR ANY THAT
TOUC;ED UPON ITS INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OR AIMED AT
AFFECTING ANY UNITED STATES INTEREST. IN THAT PERIOD, THE
ACTIONS OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WERE ALWAYS MODERATE
AND WERE ALWAYS MARKED BY THE PREOCCUPATION NOT TO

STIMULATE THE FORMATION, IN BRA,IL, OF ANTI-AMERICAN

FEELINGS. I EXPRESSED THIS CAUTION VERY CLEARLY TO
PRESIDENT CARTER'S EMISSARY, UNDERSECRETARY WARREN
CHRISTOPHER.

4. YOUR EXCELLENCY MENTIONS THE STYLE OF THE NORTH-
AMERICAN NATION, WHICH LEADS IT TO BE OPEN AND STRAIGHT-
FORWARD IN ALL ITS MANIFESTATIONS FOR A BETTER WORLD.
NO PROBLEM EVER AROSE, BECAUSE OF THIS STYLE, FOR THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES OR FOR THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS THAT REPRESENT THEM. QUITE ON
THE CONTRARY, THIS STYLE HAS ALWAYS CONTRIBUTED TO THE
RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN US.

5. FOR ITS PART, BRAZIL HAS ALWAYS DISTINGUISHED ITSELF
FOR THE FORCEFULNESS AND DEDICATION WITH WHICH IT SEEKS TO
PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AIMED AT MAKING THIS A
SAFER WORLD, ONE MORE JUST FOR ALL.

6. OUR CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS IS WELL
KNOWN AND OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ALMOST ALL COUNTRIES
OF THE WORLD TESTIFY UNQUESTIONABLY TO THE BRAZILIAN
INCLINATION FOR PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING.

7. INCIDENTALLY, NOTHING PROVES BETTER THE COMPATIBILITY
OF OUR NATIONAL STYLES THAN THE FACT THAT THE BRAZILIAN
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ALWAYS FRIENDLY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
AND HAVE BEEN ITS RELIABLE ALLY, WHENEVER NECESSARY TO THE
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UNITED STATES AND TO THE WESTERN WORLD.

8. TOWARDS OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE HEMISPHERE WE HOLD THE
SAME INCLINATION FOR FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION. WE ARE ONE OF
THE COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF BORDERING
NEIGHBORS. WE LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ALL OF THEM AND IF THIS
IS SO THE CREDIT IS IN PART OURS, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT
TO BASE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM ON THE UNRESTRICTED
RESPECT OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND ON THE SEARCH FOR A JUST
SHARING OF THE BENEFITS OF COOPERATION.

9. I AGREE THAT OUR TWO NATIONS - AND I HOPE ALSO OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS, THAT REPRESENT THEM - HAVE MUCH IN COMMON
AND SHARE IMPORTANT INTERESTS. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT
IS ALWAYS READY TO EXAMINE, IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP,
THE BEST WAY TO PROMOTE THESE COMMON INTERESTS.

10. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS DO NOT
PERMIT YOU TO COME TO BRAZIL BEFORE JULY OR AUGUST. YOU

MAY BE SURE THAT I WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOU IN
BRASILIA THEN OR AT ANY OTHER TIME CONVENIENT FOR YOU. IN
WHAT RESPECTS MY OWN TRAVEL COMMITMENTS, I THINK THEY WILL

COINCIDE WITH YOURS, AT LEAST ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEET-
ING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE O.A.S. IN JUNE, IN
GRENADA, WHEN I HOPE TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF MEETING YOU
PERSONALLY AND WILL BE AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO EXAMINE
BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

11. I MAKE MINE THE WORDS OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF YOUR
LETTER: THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALL THE INTEREST IN
MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY. VERY
SINCERELY YOURS, ANTONIO F. AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA MINISTER
OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS. END TEXT.
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